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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

3 p.m. 65th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine . . . . . [38]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)

Security Council

The Presidency of the Security Council for the month of December 2003 (Bulgaria) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of December, on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas as of *Monday, 1 December 2003*.

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Main Committees

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 61st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.75

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [117 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/58/L.82) and A/C.3/58/L.79/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [117 (e)]

4. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I and II) [12]

   Organization of work of the Third Committee and the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2004-2005 (A/C.3/58/L.80)

   Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee for the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Strengthening of the United Nations system [59]

   Note by the Secretary-General on improvements to current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/600 and A/58/610)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

   Report of the Secretary-General on measures pertaining to the administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/569 and A/58/7/Add.12)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005): United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/58/544 and A/58/7/Add.10); Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute For Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004 (A/C.5/58/3 and A/58/7/Add.4); and Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social council at its substantive session of 2003 (A/C.5/58/10 and A/58/7/Add.8))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005): Section 24: Human Rights (A/58/6 (Sect.24); Measures pertaining to the administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/569 and A/58/7/Add.12); and Section 14: Environment (A/58/6 (Sect.14)/Rev.1))

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 276th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations system common services at Geneva

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work (E/ICEF/2003/14) [2]
3. Supplementary support budget 2002-2003 (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.13) [3]
4. Biennial support budget 2004-2005 (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.14) [4]

Presentations and discussion on results-based management within UNICEF and *Child Info* and *DevInfo*

3–6 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 2

Biennial support budget 2004-2005 (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.14) [4]

Presentations and discussion on results-based management within UNICEF and *Child Info* and *DevInfo*

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34 entitled "Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries" (agenda item 102) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belgium)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International trade and development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12); and A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

10.30–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3 (suite of offices)

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)"; and A/C.2/58/L.35 entitled "Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat" (agenda item 101) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.42 entitled "World Summit on the Information Society" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

12 noon–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30 entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (agenda item 94 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38 entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 91 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the permanent Mission of Cameroon)

4–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity"(agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

4–5.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

5.30–6.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Monday, 1 December 2003

UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

OIC Group *(at the experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Monday, 1 December 2003

Room S-226

11.30 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz (Chile), Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban (on the report prepared by the monitoring group on Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions)
12.45 p.m.	Press conference, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria, on the "Battle of Hope", a World AIDS Day event, to take place on 10 January 2004 in Abuja, Nigeria

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 2 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 66th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. 67th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [38]
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/58/35)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/416)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.23, A/58/L.24, A/58/L.25 and A/58/L.26/Rev.1)
2. The situation in the Middle East [37]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/278 and A/58/416)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.27 and A/58/L.28)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2004 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 8 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 47 (Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Rêwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., on the following dates: Tuesday, 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday, 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), on the following dates: Tuesday, 2 December 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; Thursday, 4 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and Friday, 5 December, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 3 and 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and Friday, 5 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption

There will be a joint Government of Finland–UNDP seminar on combating corruption on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdy Martinez-Soliman (tel. 1 (212) 906-6384; e-mail magdy.martinez-soliman@undp.org); or Mr. Patrick Lally (tel. 1 (212) 906-6633; e-mail patrick.lally@undp.org).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is *Monday, 1 December 2003*. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 26 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

57th meeting

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.10/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.36 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/58/L.86)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77, China and Mexico) further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representatives of El Salvador, the Dominican Republic and Mexico made statements.

Explanations of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Spain, the United States, Japan and the Czech Republic.

The draft resolution was adopted as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 126 to 5, with 33 abstentions.

Explanations of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of Denmark, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom), the Republic of Korea and Canada (on behalf of Australia and New Zealand).

Statements were also made by the representatives of Benin and Morocco.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/58/168, A/58/417 and A/58/540.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 110.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.85

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as introduced by the Chairman.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Malaysia orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy made a statement, on behalf of the European Union and its acceding countries.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 158 to 2, with 6 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States. The representative of Australia made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.61

The Committee was advised that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States made a statement and announced that Andorra, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Brazil, Ecuador, Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Latvia, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, South Africa and Switzerland also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Points of order were raised by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, Egypt, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau and Chile.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, by a recorded vote of 156 to none, with 7 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt and Nigeria.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.62

The representative of Australia orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Fiji, Nauru, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago and Tunisia had joined as sponsors.

Algeria, Benin, Burundi, Israel, Malta, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal and Nicaragua also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution, as orally revised, contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.78

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications regarding the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico made a statement, in the course of which she orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain had joined as sponsors.

Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Israel, Malawi, the Netherlands, Paraguay and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Canada, Chile, Mexico and the Sudan, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman and the Secretary responded to points raised.

58th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 117 (b).

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.2 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.81)

The representative of Israel made a statement, in the course of which he withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.2.

In the light of the statement made by the representative of Israel, no action was taken on the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.81.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.78

The Committee resumed its consideration of the draft resolution and heard a statement by the representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts.

The representative of Mexico made a statement and further orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Chile.

The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts responded to questions raised.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Japan, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Mexico and Ecuador.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/58/L.48)

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution, as amended by document A/C.3/58/L.48.

The representative of Benin further orally revised document A/C.3/58/L.48 and announced that Armenia and Trinidad and Tobago had joined as sponsors.

Haiti, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda and Uganda also joined in sponsoring the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.48, as further orally revised.

The Committee adopted the amendments contained in document A/C.3/58/L.48, as further orally revised, for incorporation into draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2, as amended.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

Oral decision by the Chairman

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/58/67.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 106.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.25/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Colombia, the Congo, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, France, Georgia, Guinea, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Namibia orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Cameroon, Chile, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of the United States proposed amendments to the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Namibia, the Committee rejected the amendments proposed by the representative of the United States, by a recorded vote of 145 to 3, with 6 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised by the representative of Namibia.

Draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.28

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to programme budget implications for the draft resolution, which were contained in document A/C.3/58/L.84.

The representative of Gabon made a statement.

The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Egypt, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, China, Kenya, Burkina Faso and Malaysia.

The representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts responded to questions raised.

Benin, Colombia, Cameroon, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Nigeria, the Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Gabon orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Kenya, Mali, Rwanda, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania had also joined as sponsors.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Sierra Leone, Chile, Costa Rica, the Sudan, Pakistan, Mali, Liechtenstein, the United States, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the draft resolution until its next meeting.

Friday, 28 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

59th–60th meetings — The summary of the 59th and 60th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/230).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 27 November 2003

54th meeting — *Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]

The Committee discussed and adopted comments on the FAO draft voluntary guidelines on the right to food.

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began to adopt the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of the Russian Federation (E/C.12/4/Add.10).

55th meeting — The Committee continued the adoption of the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of the Russian Federation.

It then began adopting the concluding observations on the second periodic report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (E/1990/6/Add.35).

Friday, 28 November 2003

56th meeting — *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee met in private to continue to discuss and adopt the concluding observations on the second periodic report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (E/1990/6/Add.35).

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its annual report and thus concluded the work of its thirty-first session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. New Delhi, 23 October 2002

Acceptance: Brunei Darussalam (26 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Palestine: Reflections of Resilience and Hope." The exhibit will be displayed from *Monday, 1 December*, to Monday, 15 December 2003, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on *Monday, 1 December 2003*, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films "Palestine: Story of a Land (Parts I and II)," which will be shown on *Monday, 1 December*, at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium, and "Crossing Kalandia," which can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 2 December, to Monday, 15 December, during exhibit hours.

Women's International Forum

The topic of the next meeting of the Women's International Forum, to be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, will be "The Current Situation in Afghanistan".

Launch of the report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*

The report *Portfolio of Mine Action Projects 2004*, will be launched by the Mine Action Service, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11.15 a.m. at the Henry Labouisse Hall, located on the B-1 level of UNICEF House. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December 2003)

In observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, there will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and Disabled Peoples' International, on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The opening of an exhibit of art by persons with disabilities will follow in the Visitors' Lobby. For more information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Focus on Children: The Impact of Rights-Based Strategies." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
South Africa
H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:
Japan
To be announced

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
H.E. Mr. Vsevolod Grigore

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominica
To be announced

Western European and other States:
France
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc de La Sablière

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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Italian presidency of the European Union:
www. un.org
http://europa-eu-un.org

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:
www.un.org/esa

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 28 November 2003.

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A/58/PV.46	Meeting held on 28 October 2003, 1 p.m. [E]
A/58/PV.47	Meeting held on 29 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
A/58/PV.60	Meeting held on 11 November 2003, 10. 35 a.m. [E]
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A/58/7/Add.14 — Items 73 (n) and 121 — General and complete disarmament — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1 — Fifteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/58/343/Add.1 — Item 129 — Joint Inspection Unit — Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/454 — Item 65 — African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]

A/58/570 — Item 118 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/58/594-S/2003/1090 — Items 24, 42, 43, 48, 73 (b), 94, 106, 109, 112, 113 and 117 — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage — Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin — Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights — General and complete disarmament: prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes — Environment and sustainable development — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — International drug control — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Human rights questions — Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/610 — Item 59 — Strengthening of the United Nations system — Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.26/Rev.1 — Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 24-Power revised draft resolution — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.27* — Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.29 — Item 50 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Morocco: draft decision — Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/58/19 — Items 121 and 122 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Programme planning — Letter dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

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A/ES-10/248 — Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution ES-10/13 [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
A/58/594-S/2003/1090	Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1116	Letter dated 20 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council — Responses of Uganda People's Defence Forces officers to the report of the United Nations Panel of Experts on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]

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ST/IC/2003/61	Information circular — Rates of reimbursement for travel by private motor vehicle [F]

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